JRY to Gujarat has not been stopped. During the current year two instalment of funds amounting to Rs. 42.87 crores have been released to all the districts of the State. (b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

Financial assistance to North-Eastern States through CAPART

2449. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether CAPART had sanctioned financial grants in the North-Eastern States in 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99; and

(b) if so, the details of those allotments. State-wise and scheme-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) CAPART provides financial assistance in respect of the projects submitted by the Voluntary Organisations (VOs) and does not sanction financial grants on Statewise basis.

(b) Statewise and schemewise details of financial assistance provided by CAPART to the VOs in the North Eastern States during 1996-97,1997-98 and 1998-99 (upto 12.03.1999) are given in the Annexure. *[See Appendix 186, Annexure No. 44]*

National Policy for resettlement and rehabilitation for rural areas

2450. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to initiate a comprehensive national policy for resettlement and rehabilitation for rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) and (b) A draft national policy on resettlement and rehabilitation of persons or families adversely affected or displaced on account of compulsory acquisition of Land has been prepared, but the same has not been finalised by the Government and the draft national policy is currently under examination by a Group of Ministers appointed by Union Cabinet.

(c) Question does not arise.

Special cell for Rural Sanitation Scheme

2451. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA SWAMY : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 903, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th March, 1999 and state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a special cell to tackle Rural Sanitation Schemes all around the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that very low levels of sanitation prevail in rural areas; and

(c) if so, how Government plan to tackle this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL) : (a) to (c) As per the census figures (1991), 17-20% of rural households in the country is estimated to be having access to sanitation facilities.

A comprehensive policy review has been contemplated under Centrally Sponsored Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP) with a view to achieve at least 50% coverage under rural sanitaiton during the 9th Five Year Plan. The review also envisages a major policy shift from "high subsidy to low subsidy", with special emphasis on the creation of demand for sanitation services, increased awareness generation, a much higher degree of beneficiary participation. The subsidy structure is being changed to target the poorer segment and to ensure the States extend right incentives to explore low cost sanitation through compaign approach as has been successfully employed in Literacy and immunization Missions involving NGOs & Private Sector. The review also envisages greater private sector involvement and adoption of "vertical upgradation" concept. Increased technological option would also pave way for increased acceptance and coverage. The implementing agencies will also be made to restructure